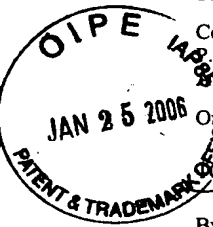


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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 21, 2005, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 5-7, 11-13, and 17-19) without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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